



# *A Country of Cities –* Author Led Lecture/Discussion

## Group Internet-based course

**NEW**

**May 8, 2017**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET**

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**Course Level: Basic • Prerequisite: Interest and involvement in urban governments and issues related to service provision and sustainability • Field of Study: Finance**

### Who Will Benefit

This training is intended for those who work for urban governments or those with interest in urban issues. The instructor will discuss current trends in urban America and also the future of cities and how cities can be leveraged to help overcome some of the most pressing issues our society currently faces.

### Program Overview

In *A Country of Cities*, author Vishaan Chakrabarti, Founder, Practice for Architecture and Urbanism and Associate Professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, argues that well-designed cities are the key to solving America's great national challenges: environmental degradation, unsustainable consumption, economic stagnation, rising public health costs, and decreased social mobility. In this webinar, Professor Chakrabarti will convey how wise development of our cities in the future can be the force leading us into a new era of progressive and prosperous stewardship for the United States. Professor Chakrabarti will provide a wealth of information about cities, suburbs, and exurbs, looking at how they developed across the 50 states and their roles in prosperity and globalization, sustainability and resilience, and also health and joy.

Professor Chakrabarti will make the case for how both job opportunities and an improved, sustainable environment are truly within our means by intelligently increasing the density of our cities and building the transit systems, schools, parks, and other infrastructure to support them. In this call for a more urban America, he will illustrate his argument with numerous infographics illustrating provocative statistics on issues as disparate as rising childhood obesity rates, ever-lengthening automobile commutes, and government subsidies that favor highways over mass transit. The webinar will conclude with a question-and-answer session for participants.

### Seminar Objectives

Those completing this seminar will be able to:

- Gain more information about the potential role of cities in shaping the future
- Learn how cities can be leveraged to help overcome some of the most pressing global issues and help promote sustainability and resiliency for the future

### Instructor

**Vishaan Chakrabarti**, Author, *A Country of Cities*; Founder, Practice for Architecture and Urbanism; Associate Professor, Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, New York, New York

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### It's Easy to Participate

- GFOA's Internet training is delivered to attendees via a secure website and audio conferencing service.

### Equipment Needed

- A computer with a Web browser to view the presentation. If you have speakers for your computer, you will be able to listen to the training using them.
- If you do not have speakers for your computer, you will need a phone to listen to the presentation. (Speaker phone recommended, but not required.)

### How It Works

- Participants will receive an e-mail invitation containing a link with instructions at the beginning of the week the course will be taking place from the e-mail address [messenger@webex.com](mailto:messenger@webex.com). (Please add this e-mail address to your "allowed senders list.")
- Materials can be viewed on a secure Internet site.
- Questions can be asked at any time during the course, and interactive exercises will test your mastery of the material.
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